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SUBJECT : OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY
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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR US DEL SUBJECT MEETING KEYED TO
AGENDA ITEMS (MT/A(73)2):

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1. AGENDA OKAY.

2. US DEL MAY SUPPORT RE-ELECTION OF JURGEN WORM OF DENMARK OR OTHER SUITABLE CANDIDATE TO MTC CHAIRMANSHIP.

3. SUMMARY RECORDS ARE SATISFACTORY FROM US STANDPOINT.

4. REVIEW OF SHIPPING SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN FREIGHT MARKETS MAY BE NOTED.

5. US DEL MAY JOIN IN NOTING REPORT ON GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS.

6. FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE: USG HAS COMPLETED AND FORWARDED THREE QUESTIONNAIRES. THE TWO OUTSTANDING WILL BE

TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT SHORTLY.

7. RE SPECIAL CHAPTER OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1973 ON THE ROLE OF SHIPPING IN NATIONAL ECONOMIES, US DEL MAY INDICATE, IF APPROPRIATE, US NATIONAL AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES DO NOT READILY ENABLE THE PROVISION OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN THE FORM DESIRED, EXCEPT FOR FRAGMENTARY DATA WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED. US HAS NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARIAT PREPARING STUDY IF MATERIAL WARRANTS. US DUBIOUS ABOUT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION THAT DELEGATES PROVIDE SUITABLE TEXTS FOR 1973 SPECIAL CHAPTER AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CHAPTER ON NATIONAL SHIPPING ACCOUNTS.

8. ON US SHIPPING POLICY MATTERS US DEL MAY REPORT ON FOLLOWING:

(A) REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS UNDER US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT AND OUTCOME OF MARITIME DISCUSSIONS HELD IN MOSCOW IN MAY; (B) NEW INTERMODAL BILL, HR 8097, INTRODUCED IN HOUSE AND SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE DISCUSSION DOMESTICALLY; (C) REINTRODUCTION OF OIL IMPORT LEGISLATION IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, BUT NO HEARINGS YET SCHEDULED; AND (D) SUPERPORT BILLS. IF QUESTION OF DISC SHIPPING PROVISIONS RAISED US DEL SHOULD SIMPLY REITERATE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADMINISTRATION STILL HAS MATTER UNDER REVIEW. REPORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE ARE BEING HAND-CARRIED BY US REP.

9. CONSULTATION EXERCISE. USG EXPECTS TO HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO SECRETARIAT SHORTLY.

10. UNCTAD. A) DAF/MTC/73.32 NOT YET RECEIVED BUT US

REP. BRIEFED ON RESULTS OF RECENT PREP COMM MEETING ON LINER CONFERENCE CODE. B) WE EXPECT LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF UNCTAD QUESTIONNAIRE RE EFFECTS ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF TYING OF SHIPMENTS OF AID CARGOES TO SPECIFIC FLAGS. US DEL SHOULD SEEK INFO FROM OTHER DEL'S RE PRESENT STAGE OF UNCTAD STUDY AND IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN READING FUTURE DIRECTION AND THRUST OF THIS UNCTAD EFFORT. C) RE QUESTIONNAIRE ON RICE TRANSPORT, USG HAS INFORMED UNCTAD INVISIBLES DIVISION IT UNABLE TO ACCEPT BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION THIS EFFORT IN US, INFORMATION REQUESTED NOT READILY AVAILABLE FROM USG AGENCIES AND PROVIDING SUCH WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH WHICH NOT PRACTICABLE AT THIS TIME. D) RE INTERMODAL TRANSPORT CONVENTION, WE EXPECT THAT UNCTAD MEETING SCHEDULED THIS FALL WILL BE MAINLY ORGANIZATIONAL AND THAT MOST OTHER MTC DELS REMAIN SKEPTICAL, AS DOES US, ABOUT PROSPECTS

FOR SERIOUS WORK ON PROPOSED CONVENTION IN UNCTAD FORUM. OUR GREATEST CONCERN IS THAT, IN LINE WITH OPERATIVE PARA. 1 OF ECOSOC RES. 1734(LIV) (WHICH US AND MOST B COUNTRIES OPPOSED), LDC'S WILL PUSH IN UNCTAD FORUM FOR RESTRICTIVE INTERMODAL CONVENTION MUCH BROADER IN SCOPE THAN LIABILITY AND DOCUMENTARY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MAIN SUBJECT OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DRAFT TCM CONVENTION. WE WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, TO BE ABLE TO USE OECD/MTC FORUM TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR NOTION THAT MAIN THRUST OF ANY UNCTAD WORK ON CONVENTION IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE LIMITED TO LIABILITY-DOCUMENTARY REGIME. WE WOULD HOPE, MOREOVER, THAT ANY STUDIES UNDERTAKEN WOULD BE TAILORED TO RESOLVE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS ARISING FROM CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE DRAFT CONVENTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MTC DELS (NORWAY AND SWEDEN) MAY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERING PROPOSING AN AD HOC GROUP UNDER MTC TO COORDINATE GROUP B POSITIONS ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT IN UNCTAD SIMILAR TO EXISTING SPECIAL GROUP. US REP MAY SUPPORT PROPOSAL WITH CAVEAT THAT MEETINGS OF AD HOC GROUP BE SCHEDULED TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY WITH OTHER MTC MEETINGS, SO AS TO FACILITATE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION. THUS FIRST SUCH MEETING COULD BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY WITH SPECIAL GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. IF AD HOC GROUP IS ESTABLISHED US REP MAY PROPOSE SELVIG OF NORWAY AS CHAIRMAN. DEPARTMENT ALSO INTERESTED IN ANY INFO AVAILABLE ON ACTIVITIES OF PRIVATE GROUPS IN EUROPE (E.G. ICC OR CMI) TO RESURRECT TCM CONVENTION OR SOME MODIFICATION OF IT FOR USE ON PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BASIS. ROGERS

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